acre as given below:

| Year | Number (including Nationals of Pakistan & Bangladesh) |
|---|---|
| 1983 | . 1,304,976 |
| 1984 | . 1,193,752 |
| 3985 | . 1,259,384 |
| 1986 | . 1,451,076 |
| 1987 | . 1,484,290 |

<c) The number of people engaged directly in diflerent aspects of tourism industry is estimated to be over four million during 1984-85. State-wise break up of this estimate is not available.

**Appointment of Welcome Travels as G. S. A. at London by Air India**

721. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA.:
SHRT PARVATHAENI UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed Welcome Travels of Ihe General Sales Agency to act as the Air-India's agents in London;

(b) whether the selection of this Agency was made through poublic tenders; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore and whether a team of offk^rs of the Enforcement Directorate of Government ' of India and Director of Vigilance of Air India visited London in July 1988 to enquire into this selection of the Agency as reported in Hindustan Times dated the 6th October, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CTVIL AIVATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: (a) and (b) M/s. Gimvale Limited, trading as Welcome Travels, was appointed as GMitral Sales Agent of Air India at London with effect from 1st November, 1988. after following the established procedure. Air India does not appoint General Sales Agents through public tenders.

(c) Director, Vigilance of Air India did not visit London in July, 1988. However, he had visited London in June, 1988 to review the security arrangements at Hea-throow Airport and other matters related to his charge. Enforcement Directorate of the Ministry of Finance have also confirmed that no team of officers visited London in July, 1988 to enquire into the appointment of the General Sales Agent of Air India.

**Visa of Ajitabh Bachchan**

722. SHRI KATLASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleaseld to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sw'ss authorties had denied a resident visa to Shri Ajitabh Bachchan in August, 1987, as reported in India Today of 30 September. 1988; if so, on what grounds;

(b) whethejr it is also a fact that ' one cannot take up job in Switzerland without a resident visa; and

(c) whether Acropharma (Switzerland) had offered emDlovnvnt to him in February, 1986 and that he had accepted the same on the,' 28th February, 1986; if so, whether be actually took up the job there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TFWARIV (a) The Government have no information about the denial of a Sw'ss resident visa to Shri Ajitabh Bachchan during August, 1987.

*(h)* This concerns a foreign Government.

(c) Yes, Sir. M/s. Arcopharma, S-A. Switzerland had offerpd an employment -*i* as a Consultant to Shri Aiita^h Bachchan and he accepted the offer and started re-deri"e consultancy services w.e.f. 28.2.86.